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SUBJ: HONDURAN LAWS GOVERNING IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND
AMMUNITION

REF: STATE 177789

1. COMMERCIAL IMPORTATION OF ALL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION MAY ONLY BE MADE BY THE HONDURAN MILITARY INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WELFARE. THE INSTITUTE, IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY, OPERATES THE ONLY THREE RETAIL OUTLETS WHICH ARE LEGALLY PERMITTED TO SELL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION TO PRIVATE CITIZENS IN HONDURAS. THE RETAIL OUTLETS ARE LOCATED IN CHOLUTECA, TEGUCIGALPA, AND SAN PEDRO SULA. ALL SALES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE RECORDED BY THE INSTITUTE.

2. PERSONS WISHING TO PURCHASE A FIREARM MUST OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY. THAT MINISTRY ALSO IS IN CHARGE OF ISSUING PERMITS FOR BEARING ARMS ON ONE'S PERSON.

3. THE PURCHASE BY PRIVATE CITIZENS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES AND CALIBRES OF FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED:

ALL RIFLES AND CARBINES OF THE FOLLOWING CALIBRES:

7MM, 7.62MM, 8MM, 30-30, 30-60, .223 AND .30.

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B. ALL SAWED-OFF SHOTGUNS REGARDLESS OF GAGUE.

C. ALL AUTOMATIC AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOLS EXCEPT FOR
.22 CALIBRE MODELS.

D. ALL REVOLVERS EXCEPT FOR CALIBRE .22, .32, AND
.38 MODELS.

E. ALL MACHINE GUNS, SUBMACHINE GUNS, AND FULLY AUTOMATIC
RIFLES REGARDLESS OF CALIBRE.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE, STRICT LAWS
GOVERNING SALE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT
SINCE DECEMBER 1972. BEFORE THAT TIME THE SALE OF SUCH PRODUCTS WAS
VIRTUALLY UNREGULATED.
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